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Letters to the Editor

Is It Masterpiece of Snow Jobs?

Because of public pressure to "do something about it," the President and the heads of the Department of State and Central Intelligence Agency, together with eight Democratic congressmen and seven Republican congressmen met in solemn conclave a few weeks ago and discussed the Cuban situation for one whole hour.

Mr. Editor, have you ever discussed anything with a group of about 20 people, cleared introductions, stated the problem, come to a satisfactory conclusion and finished—all in one hour?

Seriously now, Democrat or Republican, pause a moment and ask yourself: "Are we as a nation, getting the masterpiece of snow jobs?" An appeal to reason asks us to consider the brutal lessons of history, before we are doomed to repeat them.

Remember the broomsticks in the hands of Hitler's new Wermacht? Amusing, "defensive" and not even weapons.

And the "harmless" glider "clubs" springing up all over Germany? Pretty feeble, eh? Sure, compared to the might of all the Allies. How about a size comparison? Compare tiny Germany with just the size of Russia alone for a laugh.

The small size of Cuba is being belittled with as much logic as this by men who know better. These men know that the only real difference between a Nike type missile and an ICBM that will easily wipe out the city of New York, is a difference of size. The same "technician" can launch both—and from the same location.

I submit, dear editor, that the real issue is not the present training weapons of Cuba, or the size of Cuba; the real issue is a simple matter of principle.

The Monroe Doctrine is a simple statement of principle and seems to have been brushed aside as "controversial." The "shot heard 'round the world" at Concord was fired for the defense of a principle. Our nation owes its existence to a set of principles.

If it is now time to desert the moral principles of our Founding Fathers in favor of a yellow coexistence with the forces of evil, then we deserve the fate of all "appeasers."

Would it be unreasonable to ask our President to show less profile and more courage?
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